National CACFP Week, Strong Museum, and More!

March 2019

Spotlight
The Strong Museum, Rochester, NY

The Strong Museum, located in Rochester, NY, is a museum of collectables, games, and toys. The exhibits in the museum are based on Margaret Woodbury Strong’s original collection from 1968. Strong’s original collection was composed of primarily toys and dolls, but today the museum has expanded its exhibits and programs.

During the mid-1990s the museum greatly increased its focus on programming for children and families. This has continued ever since, adding programming like ‘eGrade Revolution’ in which eighth graders can explore the history of electronic gaming. There are currently 100,000 square feet of dynamic, interactive exhibits at the Strong Museum.

In 2002, the museum acquired the National Toy Hall of Fame, which solidified the focus to artifacts of play - toys and games. The Strong Museum was also named one of the nation’s largest history museums since 2006. Some of the popular attractions from the museum are America at Play, the Brian Sutton-Smith Library and Archives of Play, the World Video Game Hall of Fame, and the Peanuts and Play Display.

Strong combines history and fun to create a great place to take youth in Western New York. Youth can learn about the past engineering of toys at the exhibits while exploring the fun nature of the programming offered.

For more information, visit their website at https://www.museumofplay.org/ and plan your next trip to the Strong Museum today!

CACFP Corner: National CACFP Week
This week from March 17-23 is National CACFP Week! Celebrate the Child and Adult Care Food Program’s (CACFP) impact on allowing afterschool programs to serve reimbursable healthy snacks and/or meals to students! You can celebrate the occasion in various ways.

First, if you haven’t enrolled in CACFP, visit AfterschoolMealsNY.org. Second, if you are enrolled for CACFP, spread the word to other afterschool programs by visiting our website for resources to share such as our CACFP FAQs, meal-planning template, international sample menu, and sample menu. Lastly, enrolled programs can post pictures of students enjoying themselves eating healthy and share a story about how CACFP has helped their program on social media. If you are using Twitter, use #CACFPWeek to celebrate the occasion.

To learn other ways you can celebrate the week, visit the National CACFP Sponsors Association for resources, nutrition handouts, toolkits, social media tools, and much more.

New York's ONLY Statewide Afterschool and Summer Learning Conference!
May 10 & May 11 in Saratoga Springs, NY

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School’s Out, Make it Count!
2019 Annual Conference

- 5.5 hours of Training Each Day
- Leadership Track
- Diversity & Inclusion Track
- Executive Director Track
- 30 Minute Speed Sessions
- Buffet Lunch
- Vendor Area
- Lots of Networking Opportunities!

Scholarships
Scholarship funding to participate in this training may be available through the Educational Incentive Program (EIP). For more information or to apply for a scholarship, please visit www.ecetp.pdp.albany.edu. You may also contact EIP at eip@albany.edu or 800-295-9616. If you have received an EIP scholarship, please sign it and mail it to the Network along with your registration.

*Other Ways to Register
To register via check or eip, email erin@networkforyouthsuccess.org.
Upcoming Events

3/28: Hidden Biases – Is this a Concern for Youth Work Professionals? Webinar
What are hidden biases? According to the researchers who developed Harvard’s Implicit Association Test, they are bits of knowledge about social groups that we have stored in our brains because we encounter them many times in our cultural environment. These hidden biases influence how we interact with members of particular social groups such as youth, people living with disabilities, or ethnic/racial groups. And we are oblivious to their influence! This webinar will take a closer look at the research done on first impressions: What is going on in our minds? How does this affect our work with young people? And what can we do to become aware of our blind spots? Register here!

4/4-4/6: NYAEYC Annual Conference, Verona, NY
This conference will host two full days of workshops, exhibitors, and keynote speakers for early care professionals. Visit their website for more information and how to register.

4/13: Long Island School Age Child Care Conference, Melville, NY
This professional development opportunity includes a selection of diverse presenters who will share their expertise of tools and strategies to establish and support social and emotional development in school age children. Keynote speaker Justin Shaifer, kicks off the day with a dive into the ‘culturally responsive STEM curriculum.’ The conference will be open to 150 registered child care providers who will receive 6 hours of OCFS training for attending. Click here for more information and how to register.

5/9: Community Schools and Multi-Tiered Systems, Newark, NY
Join the growing number of community and school professionals working together to integrate Multi-Tiered Systems of Support with Community Schools. Dr. Jason Andrews, NYS Superintendent of the Year, Lukas Weinstein from the National Center for Community Schools, and representatives from the Wayne County Partnerships for Strengthening Families and Midwest PBIS will explore ways to align and integrate existing programs and services with a community schools strategy. For more information and how to register, click here.

5/10-5/11: Network for Youth Success Annual Conference, Saratoga Springs, NY
Back by popular demand for one more year in Saratoga Springs! The New York State Network for Youth Success is holding its Annual Conference May 10 & 11! Come attend New York’s only statewide conference for Afterschool, Summer, and Expanded Learning Professionals. This conference brings together over 200 professionals to participate in two full days of workshops on topics ranging from SEL to Leadership. Follow this link to register today!

5/20: Making Service Part of Your Afterschool Program Culture Webinar
This webinar will be approximately 30 minutes long and will feature at least one of the 96 tools from the Beyond the Bell Toolkit. The featured tool will be available for free download from the Beyond the Bell website following the webinar. Follow this link to register.
6/1: Smart Coos’ National Bilingual Bee & Biliteracy Competition, Brooklyn, NY
Early bird registration is now open for Smart Coos’ First Annual National Bilingual Bee & Biliteracy Competition. This event aims to bring 250+ bilingual student participants, ages 6-15, together. The competition will assess children’s proficiency in English along with one of these languages: Mandarin Chinese, French, Spanish, or Haitian Creole. If there are students who would like to participate or educators who would like to volunteer/judge, please email Mirta at mirta@smartcoos.com

6/12 & 6/19: Building Your Bounce Professional Development Learning Series Webinar
This two part train-the-trainer webinar experience provides participants with a copy of the Building Your Bounce Professional Development Learning Series, a three-part digital training tool that includes recorded videos that cover topics including, "Examining Our Own Risk and Protective Factors," "What Resilience Means to Me," and "Introduction to the Devereux Adult Resilience Survey - 23 Questions That Can Change the Way You Look at Life." Trainers and coaches will learn to use this innovative, digital tool to promote adult wellness in a variety of settings, including staff meetings, in-service trainings and parent workshops. Join Nefertiti and learn how you can create an overall culture of resilience. Register here. (Registration closes June 5).

8/4-8/10: Mindfulness Training for Educators, Lake Placid, NY
This weeklong program set in the idyllic environment of a lakeside retreat in the Adirondacks explores teaching for the 21st century. Participants will learn mindfulness practices, meditation, the neuroscience of learning, the nature of mind, and how to cultivate their inner resources. Each day will include experiential learning, as well as a cognitive element – and afternoons will be free to enjoy the many outdoor activities available to us, or to simply relax and read a book. Learn how mindfulness might benefit you in your role as an educator, and re-connect with the ideals that brought you into this field from the start! Click here for more information and how to register.

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